

Pollworker Pulse

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The Newsletter for and about Miami-Dade's Election Workers

Hats Off to Our Civic-Minded Poll Workers!

With South Florida's bad weather nearly threatening the electorate's dream to "GET OUT THE VOTE" during the Primary Elections, Miami-Dade County's voters could take comfort in knowing their Election Team was on the job. The skies poured down rain in Miami-Dade County all day long on September 5, 2006. Nevertheless, this was not enough to test the commitment of the 6,500 Poll Workers who came out once again and championed our noble and democratic cause. The Primary Elections were handled with the highest level of efficiency, professionalism and much-appreciated dedication. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude toward everyone who helped facilitate another successful electoral process on behalf of Miami-Dade County voters.



Lester Sola
Supervisor of Elections

While this experience should set the tone and the resilience that we must display on November 7th, I want to reemphasize the importance of closing the precinct properly. In fall 2005, I called your attention to closing on a high note by accurately filling all the forms on Election Day. Looking at the September 5, 2006 Primary Election retrospectively, I found enough form-related incidents that warrant the need to revisit this issue. Closing the precinct properly not only helps bring a long day to a successful close, it also speaks volumes on how well **YOU**, the election board, performed. Fill out the forms correctly (in the approved manner adopted in both our Training and Procedure Manuals).

One of the most important forms that must be filled out is the Certificate No. 2. The Certificate No. 2 is the essential tool that helps reconcile total number of ballots cast with number of voters who actually sign the precinct register. Along with Certificate No. 2 and signatures in the precinct register, the Voter Authorization Slips provide a third way of confirming these numbers. You should always make sure each voter signs both the Precinct Register and the Voter Authorization Slip. Inspectors must always collect the Voter Authorization Slips from voters prior to activating the iVotronic. It is critical that the appropriate Voter Authorization Slip is selected (according to the precinct). Refer to the Procedure Manual for details regarding forms, check-in table and closing methods.

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Legislature and Procedural Changes At A Glance

The Florida Legislature voted to change some rules that took effect on January 1, 2006. If you are assigned to work an election this year, you will come across these changes one way or another. Take a quick glance at them.

1. The perimeter for solicitation around polling places is now 100 feet instead of 50 feet with no exceptions.
2. Voter without proper ID will cast a provisional ballot.
3. A person providing assistance to voters must now fill out a separate Declaration to Provide Assistance Form for each voter he or she assists.
4. Now, visually impaired voters have the option to vote their provisional ballots on the ADA iVotronic. *The proper code to enter on the ADA iVotronics is located in the lower right hand corner of the affidavit for Provisional Ballots that are cast on the ADA iVotronics.*
5. Issue, collect and count all signed voter authorization slips. This departmental procedure is intended to help us keep track of the number of voters who voted on Election Day and match signatures with the precinct registers.



Each election that goes by, Miami-Dade County voters are becoming more and more confident using our voting equipment. Are you ready for November 7th, 2006?

Miami-Dade Elections Registration Statistics

Republican	369,959	34%
Democrat	458,663	42%
Other	261,113	24%
TOTAL	1,086,955	

Let's Work Proactively and Do Whatever It Takes to Ensure the Success of this Upcoming General Election

Call Election Central on Monday afternoon to report completion of Pre-Election set-up, including opening and locking of all iVotronics.

Call Election Central before 7:00 a.m. on Election Day to report completion of poll opening and precinct ready for voting.

Call Election Central on Tuesday night to report precinct is closed and your departure to the Collection Center.

Call Election Central to verify that voter's Absentee Ballot has not been received.

Issue, Collect And Count All Signed Voter Authorization

Slips. This procedure is intended to help us keep track of the number of voters who voted on Election Day and match signatures with votes.

Return the Clerk's Kit, the Activator Case and the Manila Envelope containing used Voter Authorization Slips and Certificate No. 2 to your assigned Collection Center after reporting precinct closed on Tuesday night. Always refer to the Procedure Manual for packing instructions.



Voter without proper ID will cast a provisional ballot. That is the law. Always remind your families and friends to bring identification with both photograph and signature to the polling place.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Early Voting Schedule for the General Elections

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
October 23 7am – 3pm	October 24 7am – 3pm	October 25 7am – 3pm	October 26 7am – 3pm	October 27 7am – 3pm	October 28 9am – 1pm	October 29 11am – 3pm
October 30 11am – 7pm	October 31 11am – 7pm	November 1 11am – 7pm	November 2 11am – 7pm	November 3 11am – 7pm	November 4 9am – 1pm	November 5 11am – 3pm

• North Dade Regional Library
2455 NW 183rd St

• Model City Library
(Caleb Center)
2211 NW 54th St

• Miami Lakes Public Library
6699 Windmill Gate Rd

• John F Kennedy Library
190 W 49th St

• Elections Department
2700 NW 87th Ave

• West Miami City Hall
901 SW 62nd Ave

• West Kendall Regional Library
10201 Hammocks Bd

• Kendall Branch Library
9101 SW 97th Ave

• West Dade Regional Library
9445 SW 24th St

• Florida City City Hall
404 W Palm Dr

• Aventura City Hall
19200 W Country Club Dr

• North Miami Public Library
835 NE 132nd St

• Lemon City Library
430 NE 61st St

• North Shore Branch Library
7501 Collins Ave

• Miami Beach City Hall
1700 Convention Center Dr

• Elections Department
111 NW 1st St

• Miami City Hall
3500 Pan American Dr

• Coral Gables Library
3443 Segovia St

• Coral Reef Library
9211 SW 152nd St

• South Dade Regional Library
10750 SW 211th St

The deadline for submitting an Absentee Ballot Request by mail is Wednesday, November 1, 2006, 5:00 PM.

Information That You Should Share with Relatives and Friends Who May be Interested in Becoming Poll Workers

Our diverse community needs people like you to serve at the polls on Election Day. Furthermore, the Elections Department stands ready to teach you everything you need to know in order to become a successful Poll Worker.

You just need to meet a few requirements:

- ★ You must be a U.S. citizen;
- ★ You must be at least 17 years of age or older;
- ★ You must be registered to vote in Miami-Dade County;
- ★ You must be able to read, write and speak English
- ★ You must attend a paid training session.

Tips for Check-In Inspectors When Completing the Precinct Registers:

- Fill in bubble the circle (do not "✓" or make an "X") using pen or pencil – **DO NOT USE** felt tip pens or markers.
- Write your own initials (NOT the voter's) and bubble **ONLY** when the voter appears at the precinct to vote.
- **DON'T** initial or bubble when stamping or writing "AB SENT" or other messages!
- Do not tape letter dividers on the register pages.
- If a voter signed the register and now needs a provisional ballot, please **PRINT** this information to the right of his/her signature.
- **DON'T** write or stamp any messages near the bubble.
- Added on names **MUST** include the voter registration number (FVRS) and the date of birth.
- Add all names not found in the register to the blank pages provided in the back of the precinct register book– not at the end of a specific letter.
- Use the scrap paper provided to let us know if a voter is deceased.
- Make sure that **every** voter signs the register! The precinct register still **MUST** be signed even if they filled out an affirmation.



***WE WANT YOU TO BE A
POLL WORKER!***

***Call 305-499-8448 for details.
These are paid positions.***

Top Five Reasons to be A Poll Worker

- 5.** You will work side by side with your friends and neighbors and meet new people.
- 4.** It is such a great opportunity to help people, serve your community... and have fun doing it.
- 3.** Your community needs you. The Elections Department must recruit and train more than 8,000 Poll Workers for the General Elections to run smoothly.
- 2.** You will play a vital role in the democratic process.

And the number one reason to be a Poll Worker...

- 1.** You can get paid to do a good thing. A Poll Worker makes between \$120.51 – \$253.82, depending on the work assignment and number of hours worked.

Being "A Poll Worker" is not a complicated job at all. In fact, anyone who had the privilege to work at the polls will tell you being a Poll Worker is one of the most rewarding ways you can help your community.

Did You Know!

The Miami-Dade County Elections Department strives to motivate our citizens to become an active part of the electoral process. Voter education has always been and continues to be the pillar of our efforts to ensuring that every registered citizen be provided with the information necessary to exercise their most fundamental civil right—the right to vote.

We value the notion that civic awareness has the potential to bring our democratic system to life. Opportunities to experience firsthand what it's like to exercise one's constitutional right can shape our youngsters into making decisions that bind us together as a nation.

We have been working with schools and their student governments to conduct school-wide mock elections using students as Poll Workers. We will never miss the opportunity to teach them the fundamentals of the new electronic voting systems. We will use student volunteers as Poll Workers; thereby, providing them the opportunity to become familiar with the voting process.



Fourth graders from Robert R. Moton Elementary displaying their burning desire to participate in the nation's most far-reaching effort to protect voter rights.

We welcomed the 4th graders from Robert R. Moton Elementary during their field trip to the Elections Department on May 16, 2006. After touring our training facilities and the voting equipment, Deputy Supervisor of Elections, Milton Collins, paused for a brief overview of the electoral process and the importance of civic participation. The memorable presentation concluded with the following question: "Who would want to serve the community by working as Poll Workers when they turn 18 years old?" The picture above says it all.

Carlos Alvarez

Mayor



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Miami-Dade County provides equal access and equal opportunity in employment and services and does not discriminate on the basis of disability.

"It is the policy of Miami-Dade County to comply with all of the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act."

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